the country. A total sum of Rs. 152.26 crores has been released so far for the approved EPIPs.

A Critical Infrastructure Balance Scheme is also being implemented by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry under which assistance is provided to States and their agencies for strengthening the infrastructure and removal of bottlenecks to exports. An amount of Rs. 136.05 crores has been sanctioned so far under the scheme for a total number of 67 projects/works.

Various Commodity Boards are implementing schemes for providing incentives and assistance for exports through the State Governments.

National Tobacco Policy

1074. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a National Tobacco Policy in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the strategy followed or proposed to publicly hold tobacco industry accountable for the negative impact of tobacco on health, economics and environment?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The aim of a National Tobacco Policy and the strategy to control the industry is sought to be attained through the implementation of the Tobacco Board Act, 1975 (4 of 1975) to provide for the development, under the control of the Union, of the tobacco industry. Obligations arising out of the declaration of the International Conference on Global Tobacco Control Law await adoption.

Industrial Development

1075. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme or programme for industrial development in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith funds allocated, State-wise; and

(c) the details of industrial development which has taken place due to the liberalisation policy being implemented since 1998 with State-wise break-up[9]